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# S. 2996

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Offshore Parity  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8           (1) COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.—The  
9       term “coastal political subdivision” means—

20 (3) QUALIFIED REVENUES.—

1               ergy development in the Alaska outer Conti-  
2               nental Shelf region.

3               (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “qualified  
4               revenues” does not include—

5                       (i) revenues generated from leases  
6               subject to section 8(g) of the Outer Conti-  
7               nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
8               1337(g)); or

9                       (ii) revenues from the forfeiture of a  
10              bond or other surety securing obligations  
11              other than royalties, civil penalties, or roy-  
12              alties taken by the Secretary in-kind and  
13              not sold.

14               (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15              the Secretary of the Interior.

16               (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
17              of Alaska.

18 **SEC. 3. DISPOSITION OF QUALIFIED REVENUES IN ALASKA.**

19               (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 9 of the  
20              Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338) and  
21              subject to the other provisions of this section, for fiscal  
22              year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary  
23              of the Treasury shall deposit—

24                       (1) 50 percent of qualified revenues in the gen-  
25               eral fund of the Treasury;

1                         (2) 42.5 percent of qualified revenues in a spe-  
2                         cial account in the Treasury, to be distributed by the  
3                         Secretary to the State; and

4                         (3) 7.5 percent of qualified revenues in a spe-  
5                         cial account in the Treasury, to be distributed by the  
6                         Secretary to coastal political subdivisions.

7                         (b) ALLOCATION AMONG COASTAL POLITICAL SUB-  
8 DIVISIONS.—Of the amount paid by the Secretary to  
9 coastal political subdivisions under subsection (a)(3)—

10                         (1) 90 percent shall be allocated among costal  
11 political subdivisions described in section 2(1)(A) in  
12 amounts (based on a formula established by the Sec-  
13 retary by regulation) that are inversely proportional  
14 to the respective distances between the point in each  
15 coastal political subdivision that is closest to the geo-  
16 graphic center of the applicable leased tract and not  
17 more than 200 miles from the geographic center of  
18 the leased tract; and

19                         (2) 10 percent shall be divided equally among  
20 each coastal political subdivision described in section  
21 2(1)(B).

22                         (c) TIMING.—The amounts required to be deposited  
23 under subsection (a) for the applicable fiscal year shall  
24 be made available in accordance with that subsection dur-

1 ing the fiscal year immediately following the applicable fis-  
2 cal year.

3 (d) AUTHORIZED USES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
5 the State shall use all amounts received under sub-  
6 section (a)(2) in accordance with all applicable Fed-  
7 eral and State laws, for 1 or more of the following  
8 purposes:

9 (A) Projects and activities for the purposes  
10 of coastal protection, conservation, and restora-  
11 tion, including onshore infrastructure and relo-  
12 cation of communities directly affected by  
13 coastal erosion, melting permafrost, or climate  
14 change-related losses.

15 (B) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife,  
16 or natural resources.

17 (C) Mitigation of the impact of outer Con-  
18 tinental Shelf activities through the funding of  
19 onshore infrastructure projects and related  
20 rights-of-way.

21 (D) Adaptation planning, vulnerability as-  
22 sessments, and emergency preparedness assist-  
23 ance to build healthy and resilient communities.

24 (E) Installation and operation of energy  
25 systems to reduce energy costs and greenhouse

1           gas emissions compared to systems in use as of  
2           the date of enactment of this Act.

3           (F) Programs at institutions of higher edu-  
4           cation in the State.

5           (G) Other purposes, as determined by the  
6           Governor of the State, with approval from the  
7           State legislature.

8           (H) Planning assistance and the adminis-  
9           trative costs of complying with this section.

10          (2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 3 percent of  
11          amounts received by the State under subsection  
12          (a)(2) may be used for the purposes described in  
13          paragraph (1)(H).

14          (e) ADMINISTRATION.—Amounts made available  
15          under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) shall—

16           (1) be made available, without further appro-  
17           priation, in accordance with this section;

18           (2) remain available until expended; and

19           (3) be in addition to any amounts appropriated  
20          under any other provision of law.

